

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 592

Commending the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 29, 2020

WHEREAS, the Council of United Filipino Organizations of Tidewater, Inc., a nonprofit organization in Virginia Beach, was established on January 16, 1976, for the purpose of building and maintaining the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia to provide a location for hosting cultural events and other civic, religious, scientific, and educational functions; and

WHEREAS, the Council of United Filipino Organizations of Tidewater, Inc., has continued to serve members of the Filipino American community in the Hampton Roads Region for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, a small house and a three-acre lot purchased with funds provided by the Filipino Women's Club of Tidewater, Mrs. Philippines and Court Society of Virginia, and countless other organizations and supporters became the site of the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, thirty-two Filipino American individuals and families who acted as guarantors of a construction loan in order for the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia to be built became the members of the board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia was inaugurated on June 24, 2000, and opened its 14,000-square-foot facility to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia has served as a hub of activities for the Filipino American community for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia preserves the history and heritage of the Filipino community in the United States and pays tribute to Filipino immigrants who have served and sacrificed as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, a multifunctional complex, the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia provides a positive environment for local youths to learn about Filipino traditions and culture while preparing for success in academics, careers, and civic leadership, and gives seniors the opportunity to remain engaged with the community as respected mentors and trusted advisers; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia works with the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in the United States to ensure its outreach programs are easily accessible; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia is open to people of all races, creeds, and colors in need of community fellowship or support, and the center has played a critical role in the cultural development and economic vitality of Virginia Beach; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia hereby be commended on the occasion of its 20th anniversary of service to the Hampton Roads community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the center's important contributions to the lives of Filipino Americans and ongoing support for the entire Hampton Roads community.

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